

# The Lincoln Academy of Illinois

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## **Student Laureates to be honored by Lincoln Academy November 7**

### *Ceremony at Old State Capitol recognizes the top student from each college and university in Illinois*

*SPRINGFIELD* – The Lincoln Academy of Illinois will honor outstanding senior college students during the annual Student Laureate Convocation at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 7 the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield.

The Lincoln Academy's Student Laureate Awards are presented for excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities to seniors from each of the four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities in Illinois. At the Student Laureate Convocation, each will receive a Student Laureate Medallion, along with an honorarium check and certificate of achievement. This event will mark the 35<sup>th</sup> year that students have been honored by the Academy.

"These students have exhibited a personal commitment to excel as seen by their remarkable academic accomplishments," said John B. Simon, Chancellor of the Lincoln Academy, who added, "They serve as role models to other Illinois students. With hard-working and dedicated young leaders such as these, Illinois and the rest of the nation can look forward to a bright future."

Honorable Richard Mills, Judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, will deliver the keynote address. The invocation will be delivered by Academy Trustee Rev. Ruben I. Cruz, and the benediction will be given by Southern Illinois University Carbondale Chancellor Dr. Samuel Goldman. The Sangamon Woodwind Consort will provide music, and a luncheon at the Illinois Executive Mansion will follow the Student Laureate Convocation.

The Lincoln Academy, unique among the 50 states, was established 45 years ago to honor Illinois' most distinguished citizens with the state's highest award, the Order of Lincoln. The 2010 Order of Lincoln Convocation will be held April 17, 2010 in Chicago.

## STUDENT LAUREATES

<u>School</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
Augustana College	Max C. Peterson	Mundelein, IL
Aurora University	Jessica J. Wernli	Sterling, IL
Benedictine University	Maria Jauch	Palatine, IL
Blackburn College	Brett Allen	Staunton, IL
Bradley University	Marcus J. Belin	Chicago, IL
Chicago State University	Quiana M. Hardy	Richton Park, IL
Concordia University	Amanda J. Finke	League City, TX
DePaul University	Francisco Valencia	Chicago, IL
Dominican University	Cicely Bonilla	Chicago, IL
Eastern Illinois University	William M. Wolf	Erie, IL
Elmhurst College	Robert J. Strzemp	Oak Park, IL
Eureka College	Elizabeth C. Hoff	Hendrum, MN
Governors State University	Adam A. Taylor	Matteson, IL
Greenville College	Stephen M. Groves	Greenville, IL
Illinois College	Lydia M. Martin	York Springs, PA
IL Institute of Technology	Daniel J. Votipka	Nashville, NC
Illinois State University	Douglas M. Johnson	Gibson City, IL
Illinois Wesleyan University	Emily C. Vock	Bloomington, IL
Knox College	Sarah T. Kurian	Elburn, IL
Lake Forest College	Jaime Perez	Highland Park, IL
Lewis University	Ashley D. Jones	Naperville, IL
Lincoln College	Mubeen A. Khan	Wheeling, IL
Loyola University	Antonio Giron	Chicago, IL
MacMurray College	Melissa J. Naberhaus	Warrenville, IL
McKendree College	Margaret L. Rahmoeller	Webster Groves, MO
Millikin University	Amanda L. McMillion	Oswego, IL
Monmouth College	John A. Kaiser	Hanover Park, IL
North Central College	Stephanie R. Ryding	Naperville, IL
Northeastern Illinois Univ.	Sunil Mahadeshwar	Chicago, IL
Northern Illinois University	Shay M. Galto	Wheaton, IL
North Park University	Lukas E. Dahlstrom	Etna, NH
Olivet Nazarene University	Jasper P. Taylor	Flossmoor, IL
Principia College	Chelsea B. Kendrick	Bethesda, MD
Quincy University	Kari D. Miller	Camp Point, IL
Rockford College	Alix A. Sauld	Ripon, WI
Roosevelt University	Mallory A. Umar	Chicago, IL
St. Xavier University	Sarah A. Rakauskas	Chicago, IL
Southern IL U. – Carbondale	Toni D. Whitfield	Johnston City, IL
Southern IL U. – Edwardsville	Stephen J. Garland	Pontoon Beach, IL
Trinity Christian University	Jonathan E. VanderWoude	Cutler Bay, FL
Trinity International University	Stephanie K. McDearmon	Morrison, IL
University of Chicago	Anya Thetford	Chicago, IL
Univ. of IL – Chicago	Esther A. Ogedengbe	Bolingbrook, IL
Univ. of IL – Springfield	Priyanka N. Deo	Chicago, IL
U of I - Urbana/Champaign	Mark H. Paik	Des Plaines, IL
Univ. of St. Francis	Matthew M. Bisek	Palos Hills, IL

Western Illinois University

Matthew J. Barr

Belvidere, IL

Lewis and Clark Community College

Kary M. Holliday

Alton, IL

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